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Four To Graduate As Semester Ends

By Ray Gregoire

The graduation of four seniors and the tryout of two new ideas will mark the end of the first and the start of the second semester.

Four seniors, Frank Lynn, Economics; William Kun, Business Administration; William Miller, Geology and James C. Tharin, Geology were given comprehensive examinations on Jan. 15 and 16 between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. As a time off for study, they will have a week starting Jan. 11.

The two new ideas will take place at the beginning of the second semester. From Jan. 28 to Feb. 2, the new incoming frosh will have an orientation period, during which they will receive their physicals, take the personality adjustment tests, etc. They will be on hand for the start of the new semester Feb. 2.

Registration day, instead of being in the cafeteria as usual, will be held in the library. The reason: to try to do away with the congestion which always seemed to form in the cafeteria.

The divided hours for registration specify that those students whose name begins with A to K inclusive will register between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Those students whose name begins with L to Z inclusive will register between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Classes begin Feb. 3.

Sister Francetta Named Dietician

In a recent reorganization of the culinary personnel of St. Joseph's College, Mrs. Jane McCullough was relieved of her duties as dietician, and Sr. Mary Francetta of the Order of the Precious Blood of Dayton, Ohio, took over Mrs. McCullough's former position. This news was released by Rev. Joseph A. Otte, treasurer of the college.

Mrs. McCullough came to St. Joseph's in September of 1953, and served as dietician until mid-January, 1954. She had followed Miss Helen Skinner, St. Joe dietician from 1949 until 1953.

Sr. Francetta entered the convent in 1929. Previous to entering the convent, she was a resident of Montezuma, Ohio. She has been at St. Joseph's for four years.

Teacher Exams Planned at SJC

By Dick Bender

St. Joseph's College will participate in the National Teacher Examination on Feb. 13, 1954, as announced by Rev. Walter T. Pax, Dean of the College. This is the school's second participation in the nationwide tests, the last time being in 1948. The 1954 testing center for the Indiana region will be Indiana State Teachers' College, Terre Haute, Ind.

The six-hour examination, designed for both those seeking teaching positions and prospective teachers alike, consists of tests which serve to gauge the professional background, mental capability, and cultural knowledge of the candidates. The tests are of two types: common and optional.

The common examinations measure general knowledge and ability. They cover such areas as professional information, general culture (including history, literature, fine arts, science, and mathematics), English expression, and nonverbal reasoning.

The optional examinations serve to demonstrate the candidate's ability in his particular teaching field. They cover nine areas, including education in the elemanetry school, early childhood education, industrial arts education, physical education, English language and literature, biological sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and social sciences. From these areas, the student may choose one or two related to his particular field.

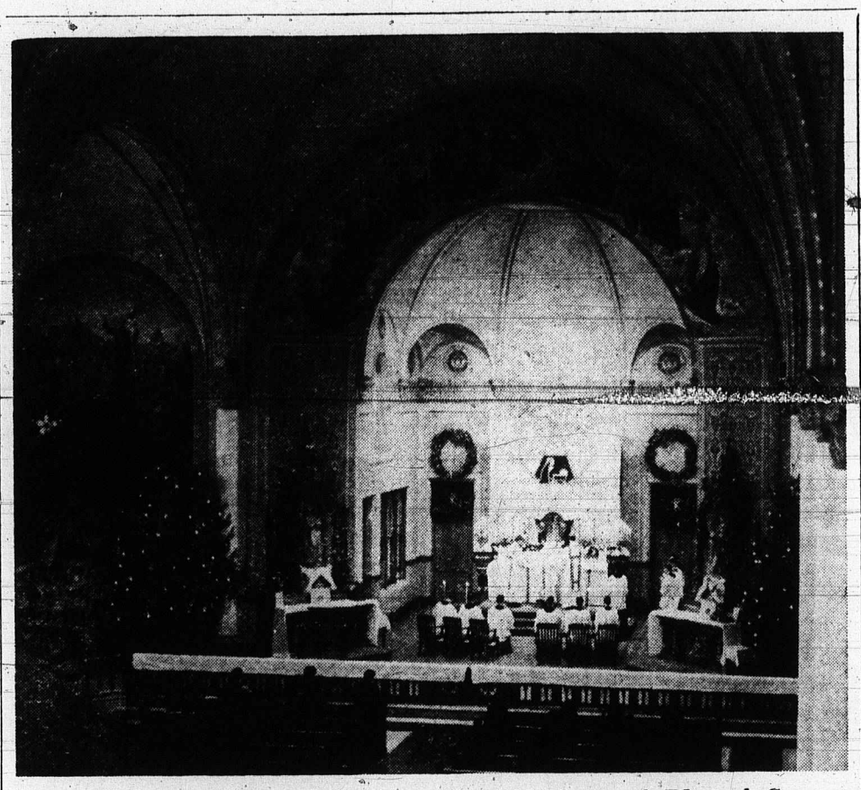
All students and others in this vicinity, interested in applying for these examinations, may pick up application blanks and information booklets from the office of the Dean of the College. All blanks should be mailed to the National Teacher Educational Testing Service by Jan. 15, 1954. Late registrations, however, will be accepted until Jan. 29, with an additional charge for the late entry.

Condolences . . .

Our condolences to senior Edmund S. Ashburner on the death of his father.

Also, our condolences to Theodore G. Beemsterboer on the death of his father.

Canonization Date Near For Founder of Order



Shown above is the Mass celebrating the feast of Blessed Gaspar, Dec. 29, of last year in the college chapel. Blessed Gaspar, founder of the Order of the Precious Blood, is soon to be canonized.

Expectations of the canonization of Blessed Gaspar Del Bufalo, founder of the Congregation of the Precious Blood, have been confirmed in an announcement by the Vatican press office. The exact date of the canonization will be announced at a later date.

The announcement which appeared recently in several Catholic and secular papers stated that seven canonizations and three beatifications have been tentatively set for April, May, and June of this Marian Year dedicated to the commemoration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Founded Community

Blessed Gaspar, born on the feast of the Epiphany in 1786, survived several early illnesses to become one of the outstanding defenders of the faith during the persecutions of the Church in the 18th century. He was ordained in July, 1808, in Rome; seven years later he founded the first community of the Precious Blood on the feast of the Assumption. Blessed Gaspar died on Dec. 28, 1837.

Blessed Pope Pius X will be in the honored place among the seven canonizations. Blessed Pius X, who died on August 20, 1914, after a pontificate of 11 years, was beatified on June 3, 1951. The last Pope to be canonized was Pius V, who died in 1572, and was proclaimed a saint in 1712.

Other Candidates

The other five candidates for canonization are Maria Crocifissa di Roma, (1813-55), Italian foundress of the Congregation of the Handmaids of Charity; Peter Louis Chanel, (1803-41), a French priest who was martyred on the island of Futuna in the Tonga Archipelago; Domenico Savio, (1842-57), one of the first pupils of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Society.

Vincenzo Pallotti, (1798-1850); and Giuseppe Maria Rignatelli, (1737-1811), Spanish Jesuit who was the principal representative of the Society of Jesus in Italy just before the restoration of the society by Pope Pius VII.

Three for Beatification

The three candidates for beatication during the Marian Year are Placido Riccardi, (1844-1915), a member of the Benedictine Order; Maria Assunta Pallotta, (1878-1905), a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, who died at Tung-Eul-Keu, Shansi, China; and Jean Martin Moye, French-born founder of the Divine Sisters of Providence.

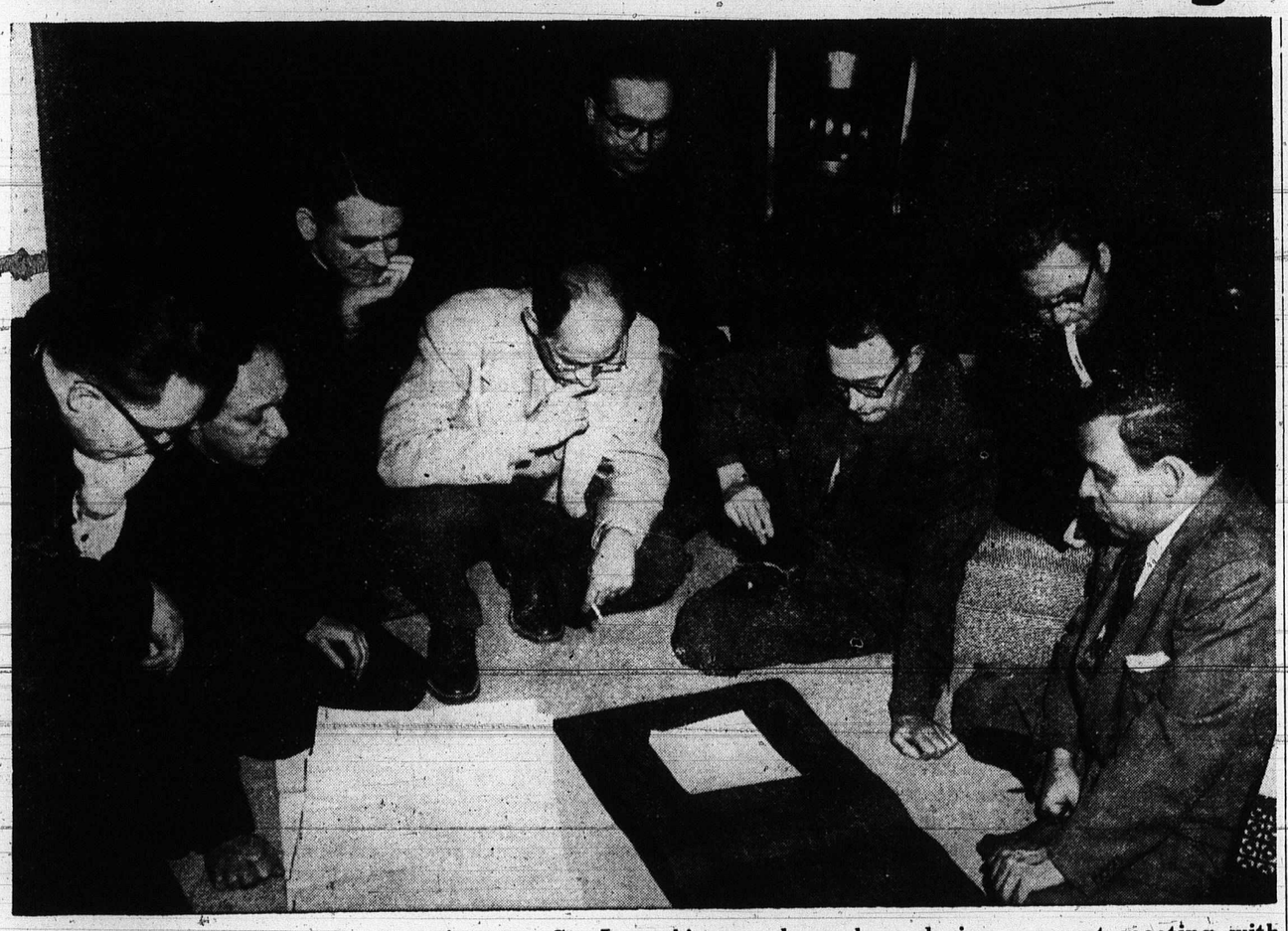
Students Receive Purdue Survey; 94 Social Questions Included

At the convocation of January 5, the students of St. Joseph's College received from the Reverend Walter Pax, a survey of public opinion. It consisted of 94 questions concerning social issues. This survey, distributed by the Division of Educational Reference of Purdue University, had its start two years ago. It had its fundamental beginning when a group of interested men noticed racial discrimination in the colleges of the United States.

Committees were formed in all 48 states to see what could be done about this problem. Now the committee of Indiana, which is known as the Indiana Conference of Higher Education, has gotten together and compiled this poll. All colleges in Indiana take this poll and high schools have recently done so.

The results will not be returned to the colleges since they are solely for the information of the committee.

New Committee Aids In Building Plans



The Building and Grounds Committee at St. Joseeph's are shown here during a recent meeting with Thomas Nulick, architect, as the group considered plans for the proposed new residence halls. Mr. Nulick (far right) is with the Naess and Murphy architectural firm of Chicago, designers and engineers of the ultra-modern Prudential Building, now under construction. The men in the picture, from left to right, are: Fr. Daniel E. Schaefer, Fr. Joseph A. Otte, Fr. Richard P. Baird, Michael E. Davis, Fr. John M. Lefko, Richard F. Scharf, Fr. John Sheehan, and Mr. Nulick.

With the aid of a government loan, officials of St. Joseph's College are hoping that work on the proposed Bennett Hall will begin early in March. The last of three preparatory steps, the tearing down of the old dairy barn, is nearing completion. The other two steps, the installing of a $50,000 boiler and the construction of the new dairy barn, have already been completed.

Besides Bennett Hall, another residence building is also planned. No name has yet been decided upon for this second residence hall. Both of the residence halls shall contain facilities for 98 students, two prefects, and a student lounge.

With contributions still coming in as a result of the campaign in the Lafayette diocese for the building of Bennett Hall, the total now stands at $25,000. This amount, only $4000 is in pledges; the rest is in cash.

Officials at St. Joseph's feel highly gratified with the results of the drive. Besides the monetary benefit, they feel that the opportunity to tell the story of St. Joseph's—through the medium of "The Call" and from the pulpits of 41 parishes where special sermons were preached by St. Joseph's priests—is certain to pay rich dividends in a closer friendship between the Catholics of the diocese and the college, and in the increased number and fervor of prayers for further progress at Collegeville.

Comprehensives Given to Seniors

Four members of the senior class, who will graduate in February, took their comprehensive examinations on Jan. 15 and 16. Seniors taking the comprehensives were William J. Kun, Business Administration; Frank Lynn, Economics; William F. Miller, Geology; and James M. Tharin, Geology.

The six hour examinations are given each year to the graduating seniors. These examinations cover all that should be known in each particular field of the student. In preparation for these examinations, the student has organized his study from the very beginning of his freshman year into permanent retention. He is then tested on his knowledge of the basic facts and principles, and his ability to apply what he has learned to typical problems. Those seniors graduating in June will be tested in the latter part of May.

Cigarette vs. Cancer Controversy Rages As Both Sides Offer Insufficient Evidence

To smoke, or not to smoke—that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the poisons and sicknesses of a cigarette, or to take arms against them and by opposing end the dangers of cancer.

Fifty-six million Americans, 18 years or older, burn up about 400 billion cigarettes a years. Others, an uncounted number, prefer their tobacco in other forms. Recently, a disturbing theory has been much publicized. Several scientists have claimed to have proved that there is an agent in cigarette smoke that is capable of causing lung cancer. This claim was quickly challenged by other scientists, and a civarette-versus-cancer controversy quickly arose.

This problem is not a new one. For the past 50 years there have been those that claimed that lung cancer was either caused or advanced by the smoking of cigarettes. But for every scientist that upheld this idea there were two that discredited it.

Within the last year, however, there have been developments that may answer this question once and for all. Dr. Evarts A. Graham of the school of Medicine of Washington University in St. Louis and Dr. Ernest Wynder of the Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York have recently produced cancer experimentally in mice by using the tars from tobacco smoke. Of his experiment Dr. Graham says, "This proves conclusively that there is something in cigarette smoke which can produce cancer. This is no longer a possibility. Our experiments have proved it beyond a doubt."

Yet there is one point in their experiment that must be made clear. The cancer produced by painting the backs of mice with tars obtained from cigarette smoke was skin cancer. This can be hailed as proof that tobacco smoke contains a cancer producing agent but it must be pointed out that at best the doctors' work proves only that cigarette smoke can produce cancer on the skin of mice. It is a known fact that certain cancer producing agents that affect mice have no effect on rabbits, dogs, or guinea pigs. And for that reason we cannot assume that the agent in the cigarette smoke will harm human beings.

Futhermore, this test of painting mice with cigarette tars has been tried before and no cancer was produced.

But then there arises the experiment of Dr. J. M. Essenberg of the Chicago Medical School. Dr. Essenberg, using an ingenious invention that puffed tobacco smoke into the cages of mice every hour for 12 hours every day, reported that his "smoking" mice have a hereditary tendency toward lung tumors, the output of lung cancer could be increased, their growth stunted, and their reproductive powers greatly decreased.

There are dissenters that claim that mouse experiments are useless because a mouse is so small and a man is so big. What they do not realize is that cancer starts with one cell and spreads from cell to cell. The size of a cell of a mouse and the cell of a man are almost identical.

But are there other facts that could possibly condemn the cigarette industry? Indeed there are. Statistics show that beginning in 1930, there was a tremendous rise in lung cancer. This could be attributed to the fact that people were living longer, long enough to contract the disease. But scientists decided there must be another reason. After painstaking research, Dr. Wynder, then a medical student at Washington University, supplied these statistics: among 200 victims of lung cancer, he found that 95.5% were heavy smokers. Others gathering statistics found that only 2% of those stricken with lung cancer were non-smokers.

More statistics show that cancer kills 200,000 persons a year. Since 1933, lung cancer has quadrupled for men and doubled for women. At the present rate of increase, by 1970, one out of every 12 men will have lung cancer. It is urgent that a solution to this problem be found quickly.

It seems logical that the tobacco companies of America would set forth an all-out effort to find the solution to this problem. But, to date, only one company, the American Tobacco Company (Lucky Strikes), is known to have taken definite steps in this direction. They have donated $250,000 to the Damon Runyan Memorial Cancer Fund for research on this problem. They are also carrying on an extensive research in their own laboratories. At present, their basic defense is that the mice in the experiments have been subjected to a higher concentration of smoke very much unlike that a human would encounter in everyday smoking. They also maintain they have made experiments similar to those of Dr. Graham and have found no cancerous effects in the mice.

There are many Americans that do not realize the seriousness of this controversy. Other than the pertinent medical problems, there are economic ones as well. The tobacco industry is a multi-billion dollar industry. If it can be proved that cancer is produced by smoking, or if the public accepts this idea before it is proved, it may be a crippling, or even fatal, blow to the tobacco industry. And the death of the tobacco industry would have widespread repercussions.

The federal government annually takes well over a billion and a half dollars from tobacco by taxation. If this source of income were lost, it would mean increased taxes for the American people.

Any trouble in the American tobacco industry would affect the livelihood of 88,000 factory employees as well as 53,000 employees in the tobacco wholesale business. And it would also affect thousands of tobacco farmers throughout the South, and in such northern states as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin. Already, since the recent discoveries concerning this problem, tobacco stocks have begun to fall.

But despite all the alleged proofs both accusing and defending the cigarette industry, there has been no definite solution. More proof is needed. Because of the intensive research being carried on at the present time, we may learn the answer soon. Until then, there is little the American people can do but wait.

However, what if it were proved that cigarette smoking causes cancer and that the dangerous agent cannot be removed from the product? Would everyone stop smoking if he were told his smoking may cause cancer? We boubt it. Though they have been warned repeatedly, 32,000 people a year kill themselves on the nation's highways. There is little reason to believe that they would stop killing themselves through the use of the poisonous weed.

Theology Professor's Translation Of German Rosary Book Published

By Bill Feely

Father Edwin Kaiser, theology professor here at St. Joseph's, who has written several books on religion and religious affairs in recent years, has done it again. His latest published work is an English translation of Francis William's "Geschichte und Gebetsschule des Rosenkranzes," originally published by Verlog Herder, Vienna, in 1948.

Father Kaiser's book, "The Rosary: Its History and Meaning," published by Benziger Brothers in New York in 1953, is divided into two major parts. Together, they thoroughly cover the Rosary, greatest of all prayers to the Blessed Virgin.

The first part deals with the history of the Rosary from its earliest origins, about the year 1000 A. D., then traces its development to the formulation of this great prayer as it exists today. The Our Father, Hail Mary, Mysteries, Apostles Creed, and Doxology are treated individually as to origin; and it is shown how, step by step, each became an intrinsic part of the Marian Psalter.

Most Catholics will be both surprised and enlightened to learn that the old legend of the Blessed Virgin Mary's giving the Rosary to St. Dominic did not occur. Another interesting fact is the information that the 150 Psalms in the Old Testament are the basis for the size of the Rosary today. Truly, the first part of this book impresses the reader, for it covers every name, date, detail, and occurence which go together to form the history of the Rosary.

The second part of the book can best be described in the words of the author, "Part two is the story of the significance of the Rosary in the light of history."

The outstanding teachers of the church are invoked as witnesses; they explain the inner nature of prayer and relate the various helps offered the faithful for a true understanding and proper practice of this devotion. The personal experiences of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort are extremely helpful in the guidance of souls who wish to obtain a full realization of what the Rosary really means.

Next treated are the Papal Encyclicals on the Rosary, and the message at Fatima, both of which have made the Rosary, more than ever before, one of the most important prayers in the church today. The second section comes to a close with various proofs which show how the Rosary, 1) conforms with Faith, 2) conforms to the Liturgy, and 3) has become a public prayer. In his concluding chapter the author shows how this Marian Psalter has become one of the ways by which man can isolate himself from the world's haste and unrest and find a spiritual atmosphere, so conducive to the soul's health and vigor.

With times as they are, where no one knows what may happen tomorrow, a thorough understanding of this great prayer is a necessity.

Freshmen, A Way Has Been Found

The undergraduates of a large eastern university like to tell the true story of a sophomore who found an unusual method of combating his semester examinations. It seems that the sophomore had just squeezed by his previous tests and seemed destined to fail the final examinations. After a feverish week of study, he found himself on the morning of the examination, still unprepared for the test.

Throwing up his hands in despair, he proceeded to the nearest tavern and looked for consolation in a certain amber fluid. After spending a few hours in the tavern, he returned to the college in a slightly inebriated condition and, to the amezement of his classmates, he proceeded to take the examination with a better than average grade.

Fantastic as this story may seem, it does go to prove that examinations can be passed by everyone. We don't recommend that you follow the method put forth in the story, but we hope that the same results can be attained.

There is a saying that you can never receive something for nothing. This can be applied in the case of the examinations. A passing mark is not given for nothing; the effort must be there.

Time has come to lay aside the pinochle cards and the cribbage boards and delve into the mysteries of your many bound volumes. Forsake that extra hour of sleep in the morning and replace it with an hour of study. We are approaching the period that separates the men from the boys, so let's open those books, men!

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By Bill Feely

It's exam time. It's the time to dust off the books, and learn in one night that which you should have learned throughout the semester. Perhaps, after careful scrutiny, you'll discover you purchased the wrong text at the beginning of the year.

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Though it is not widely known among residents of stateside, Drexel's farm had a fire one day last week. The conflagration, which took place in one of the chicken coops, caused much excitement among the hens. A bucket brigade was formed, as many Drexelites braved the cold and came to the rescue of several future Sunday dinners. The only casualties, besides 35 smoked chickens, were Bill Ehrhart and Gene Wojciechowski who were thoroughly doused by a rampant fire hose.

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Since I feel in a very generous mood, I will run a **Billstuff** contest. Here's how it goes: In 100 words or less describe the most unforgetable professor you have ever met on the St. Joe campus and tell why. In order to qualify, all entries must: 1) be typed, 2) go through the mails, and 3) be postmarked by March 12, 1954. One entry, and only one entry, per student. Send entries to me at Box 152 Collegeville. This contest is open to all students of St. Joe registered for the second semester commencing February 3, 1954. One more stipulation: If total entries do not exceed 75 in number, the contest will be cancelled. The decision of the judge (me) will be final. Of course, you wonder what the prize will be. The winner will be awarded one free bid (value $10) to the Junior prom of May 8, 1954. For the price of a 3 cent stamp you may be **Billstuff's** guest at the greatest prom ever to be given at St. Joe. There are no consolation prizes.

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I have made it a point not to review other journalistic endeavors in this column, but if you want to read a thrilling tale, try "I Shot Myself in the Earlobe with 1,000 cc. of Iced Tea," by Minton L. Warped. The February issue of a noted publication carries this story. Editor Bob Perlongo claims it's the greatest. We'll see.

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Odds 'n Ends: John Thorpe, prefect of the White House for a week. . . . Leroy Selnek, Gus Pasquini, and Maurey Garvey among those who got engaged over the holidays . . . . Al Olechna also about to take the first step . . . Ed Joyce with a new Ford . . . Joe Walinchus having a mixup with the post office over a post card with insufficient postage . . . Fr. Lefko currently in Mexico . . . Bus. Ad. classes visiting the choo-choo train factory . . . Joe Rossi all enthused over the '54 Buick . . . Bob Parker, the one to complain to about Indiana Hiways . . . Who's going to take over when Hugh McAvoy finally retires as president of the Student Body? . . . Ed Linskey and a few other Pumites spending the evening in a Valpo frat house after the disastrous game . . . Fr. Hinton mistaking me for some cat who drives his car on Seifert's lawn . . . John Quinn, Stuff critic extraordinary; I agree with some of your comments . . . Steve Patun giving up his newspaper delivery service . . . Fr. Lechner is a modest author, says Dick Bender . . . Watch the Shieks in IM basketball . . . Bob Michalski writing a 2,000 word term paper on 'Nothing' . . . Remember this in exams, "As we advance in life we learn the limits of our abilities." Good luck.

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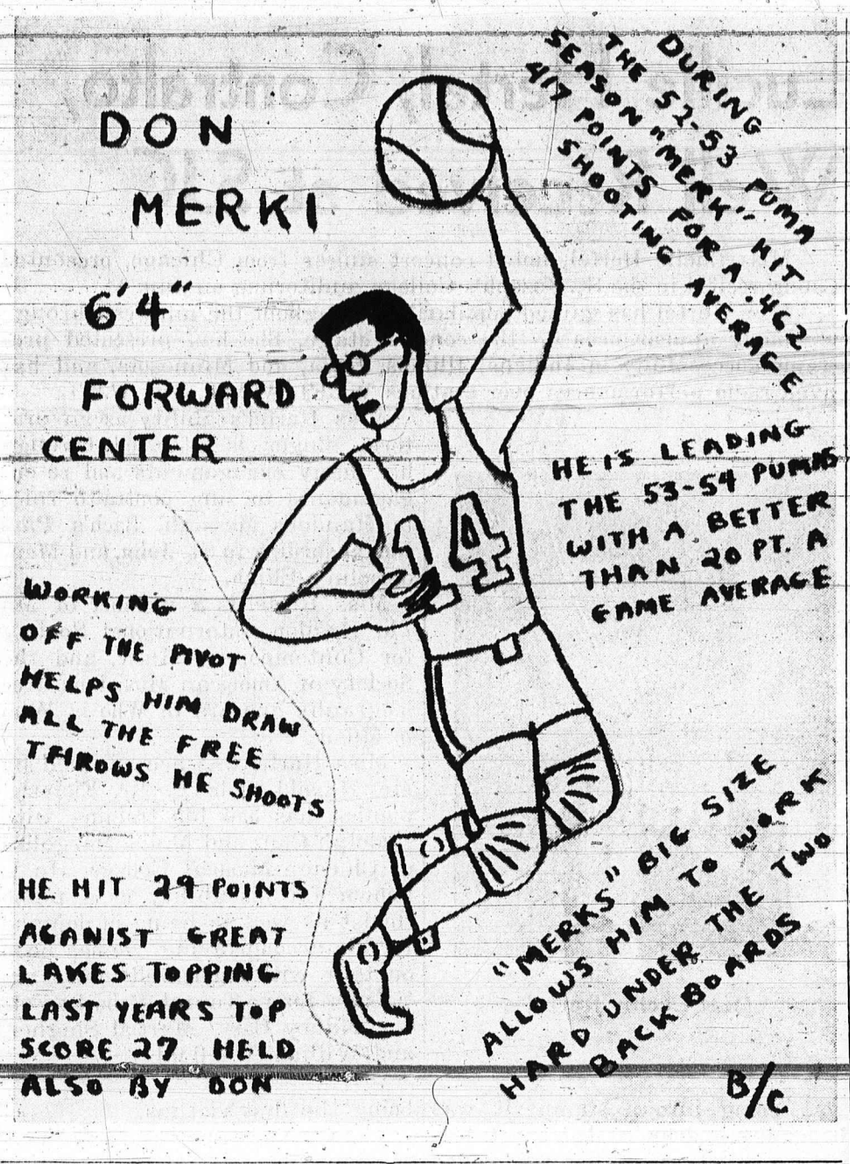

Long Home Stand on Schedule For Collegeville Basketeers

By Dick Obergfell

Exams, giant killers, a winning record, ICC foes, and a string of home games all face the Pumas as they make their final bid for a top ranking ICC spot.

After fighting their roughest foe of the season, exams, the Pumas will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, to face Bellarmine College. The Bellarmine five have compiled a 9-1 record thus far this season.

Coach Scharf's cagers will stop off at Indianapolis to tangle with Butler's Bulldogs. Butler didn't enter into ICC competition until January 13, but they have been far from idle. Tony Hinkle's boys have tackled Purdue, Michigan, Indiana, Northwestern, Ohio State, Wisconsin and Rio Grande. Purdue was topled from the unbeaten ranks by Butler in their first meeting this season.

Butler To Be Rough

Although they lost three of their tallest men, 6' 6" center Ray Stewart, who racked up 212 points last year; Don Holloway, a 6' 3" forward; and 6' 7" John Benjamen; the Bulldogs will still furnish some rough competition. Leading the capital city cagers is Keith Greive, Jim Crosley, and John Mustain. Greive, who was voted to the All-Conference team last year, is the team's leading scorer. Jim Crosely is repeating last year's output as the team's second leader in basket getting. He also is an excellent floor man. A member of Kentucky's 1952 high school all-stars, John Mustian, is filling in for absent Stewart.

Others To Follow

The Bulldogs will furnish opposition in Collegeville on February 4. Following Butler, Indiana State, Evansville, Valpo will end St. Joe's current home stand. A tall Sycamore squad, that finished third in league competition last year, will try the Pumas February 6. Returning lettermen Jim Cox, Dale Smith, and Wayne Parke lead State in point-getting this season. The big loss to State was the graduation of All-Conference guard, Dick Atha.

Facing their third ICC foe in a week, the main thought in the minds of the Scharfmen will be to avenge the 68-64 loss to Evansville. The Purple Aces are having a rough time in facing league foes this year, having compiled an unimpressive 2-3 mark.

To close the longest home stand of the season, Valparaiso will again attempt to turn the tide against the locals. The Pumas came out on the short end of an 88-68 score when they met Valpo on their home court. Undaunted by the loss of 6' 8" center Don Bilke, the Crusaders hold the initial spot in the standings. Jack Rump and Jim Howard have taken over in the scoring column for absent Bilke.

ICC Standings

Valparaiso	3	0	1.000
Ball State	3	2	.600
Butler	1	1	.500
DePauw	4	4	.500
Indiana State	2	2	.500
Evansville	2	3	.400
St. Joseph	1	4	.200

Bowling, Basketball Head IM Action

By Jim McLaughlin

The Dirty Five are leading the intramural bowling league among the freshmen after eight weeks of league bowling. The Mustangs are in second place and the Yanks are in third place. The individuals leaders of the league are: Don Adams—159, Larry Stark—154, Tom Radzinski—150, and Rich Bugher—150.

The Kingpins won the upperclassman's league with the Gizmos finishing second and the Whizkids a close third. The top bowlers in this league are: Don Merki—170, Bob Michalski—162, Roy Meyer—157, and John Hentschel and Cory Stein—154. The second round starts Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The first week of intramural basketball competition shows a close race for first place in each league. Thus far in the Eastern league, there is a three way fight for the top spot. The Bulldogs, Blacksheep, and Basketteers are tied for the lead. Pete Fenlon of the Blacksheep is the league's leading scorer with 20 points for his first game. Roy Meyer of the Basketteers is second with 12. The Basketteers, coached by Jim Righeimer, have not been defeated in their last 30 games. They are the defending champions of the league.

The Bulldogs, defeated by the Basketteers by one point in the tournament held before Christmas, may challenge the champions for the crown. The Bulldogs are led by Dick Dwinell, Pat Carr, and Jim Perkins.

The Blacksheep have both height and speed and may also prove to be a title threat. Fenlon, Fred Handler, and Bob Wasni are leading the Blacksheep. The Shooting Stars are regarded as the darkhorse in this league.

In the Midwestern league, the Fearless Five seems to be the team to beat. In a four-way tie for second place are the Sheiks, the Buccaneers, the Beef Thrusters, and the Rockets. Steve Kubatowski is the leading scorer in the Midwestern league. Gerry Campagna and Straza have also been scoring well in this league.

The Rebels and the Gunners are tied for the first division in the Western league. Hermiller is currently setting the scoring pace with Cramer and Seich close behind.

State Edges Pumas 77-75

A Ball State freshman substitute forward took two steps to his right, launched a left-handed over the-shoulder 20-foot shot, and beat the St. Joe Pumas, 77-75, Saturday night in Muncie.

The loss, the Pumas' fourth in five ICC attempts, was probably the bitterest of the lot, for St. Joe had been behind by seven points with two minutes to go. A minute and a half later, the Scharfmen led by three points. In the interim, Willie Kellogg and Tim O'Brien had stolen the ball from the Cardinal men four consecutive times and Don Merki and Terry McCarthy had come through with clutch free throws.

But with eight seconds remaining in the contest, Ball State tied the score. Then, as a Ball-Stater missed a free throw, one of his teammates, center Stan Davis, rebounded the shot but missed. However, Tom Dobbs, who had just entered the game, retrieved the ball and dropped in the deciding points. The gun sounded as the winning shot swished through the cords. These were the only points Dobbs scored in the game. Don Merki led both squads in scoring with 20 points.

Pumatters

By Dick Obergfell

Off to a slow start this year, the Pumas are tied for last place in ICC competition. But according to the latest statistics, St. Joe has the best shooting average in the league. The Scharfmen have netted 100 shots out of 276 attempts for a .362 throwing mark. DePauw, Valparaiso, and Evansville have scored 298 points in four games for a 74.5 clip against the locals; the Pumas have a 70.5 mark against league foes. They have hit for 282 points in four games.

Don Merki is currently leading the local cagers with a 22.1 mark, he has scored 221 points in 10 games. Willie Kellogg has tossed in 149 tallies in as many contests for 14.9 average. In other team statistics, "Merk" also holds the initial spot. Don grabbed a total of 18 rebounds against Anderson and Illinois Tech, and his output of 29 points against Great Lakes is the season high. Don also leads his teammates in total free throws during a single game—13. He holds the record for the DePauw and Great Lakes games.

The Butler Bulldogs were the last team to enter into ICC competition, but they did so in grand style. Last year's co-champions handed DePauw a 65-55 setback in their league opener. It was the Tigers' fourth defeat in eight conference tilts. Valpo, who is currently leading the ICC with a 3-0 record, traveled to Western Michigan for a contest with the Broncos. The Crusaders didn't represent the ICC too well, they were beaten 103-70. Other than the 86-78 beating the St. Joe varsity took at the hands of Valpo, the Jay-Vees dropped a 60-53 tilt to the Crusaders' reserves.

Pumas Take First Conference Game

The St. Joseph cagers, led by the brilliant fourth quarter scoring of Don Merki and Willie Kellogg, went wild in the last frame of a conference tilt with the DePauw Tigers. Coming from behind to take their first conference win of the season by a score of 86 to 78, the Pumas played before an almost capacity crowd of cheering fans at the Collegeville fieldhouse on the night of January 6.

The game got off to a rather slow start as the visitors Rod McCommack pushed in the first score. A few seconds later Don Merki, St. Joe's pivot man, hooped the first of his thirteen free throws.

Willie Kellogg, who fills a guard slot for the Pumas, scored mid-way in the first quarter with a jump shot from outside the key. St. Joe then had the lead 11 to 8.

Merki Fouled

With the score knotted at 13 apeice, Don Merki, who captained the Puma onslaught, was fouled as he drove in for a lay-up. The score was good, and the junior from Chicago added a free throw. St. Joe rolled to the front, 15 to 13.

In the closing minutes of the initial period Dick Tinkham and Bob Schrier, the Tigers guard and forward respectively, tallied five points between them and DePauw gained the lead. As the first quarter ended DePauw was ahead 19 to 16.

A very slow start marked the opening of the second period, as nearly two minutes ellapsed before any score was made. When a talley did come, it was in favor of the Pumas as Kellogg took a hand off from Merki at the pivot and netted a back-handed lay up.

Tigers Roll

With the Tigers ahead 21 to 20 Merki scored on a hook shot, and the Pumas took the lead. The remainder of the second frame belonged to the Tigers as they rolled up a score of 36 to 32 by half time.

When play was resumed, DePauw began to widden the gap, and midway in the third period the score read 52 to 45 in favor of the Tigers.

The Pumas started on the comeback trail when Timmy O'Brien stole the ball, and went the distance of the court to net a lay up.

Kellogg again came to the front for St. Joe in the closing seconds of the quarter as he netted two from the charity line, and then swished a half court set shot. This put the Pumas in front 58 to 56 as the buzzer sounded ending the third period.

O'Brien Scores

Again in the fourth quarter Kellogg swished a hook shot from the

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Valpo Tops SJ; Merki Scores 29

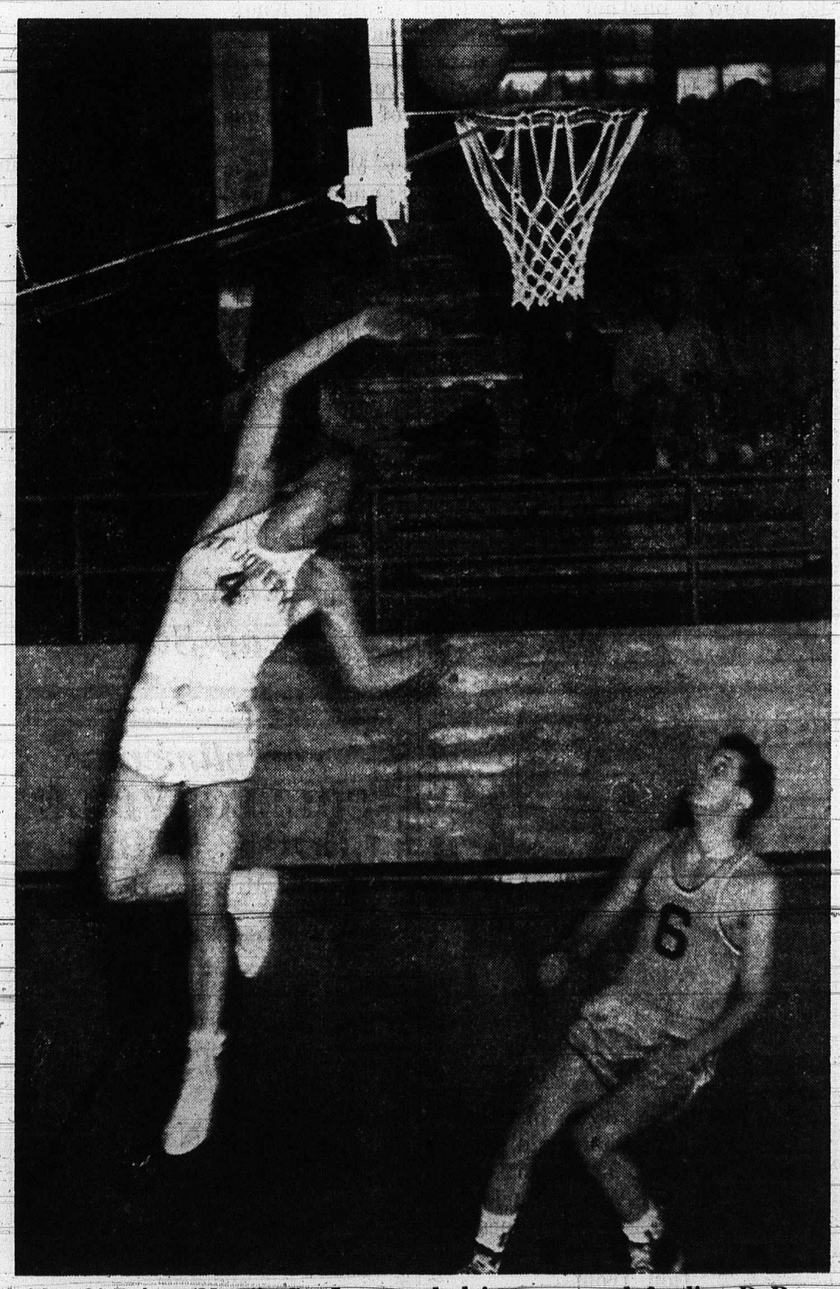
The St. Joe Pumas succeeded in blowing a nine point lead in the first quarter while falling to their third conference defeat 86-68. The Scharfmen were fresh from an 86-78 win over ICC foe, DePauw. But they couldn't convince Valpo they were trying to reclaim their conference title.

The Crudsaders couldn't find the range in early play, and Don Merki kept eluding his guard and dumping in lay ups to pace the Pumas in their early lead. The Collegeville five jumped to a 16-7 advantage mid-way in the first period but could salvage only a 19-18 lead at the initial stop.

In the second quarter, the Valpo rooters were set at ease as the host broke the Puma defense and rocketed to a 43-32 margin at half time. Of the St. Joe 32 tallies in the first half Merki had accounted for 16 via his driving lay-ups.

The Bilkeless Crudsaders continued to throw in shots from every corner of the court in pushing to a 65-47 edge at the close of the third period. In desperation the Pumas employed a full court press in an attempt to stop the Valpo onslaught. Chet Pilat, who was burdened with four personal fouls, demonstrated his usual agility in stealing two consecutive passes and driving in for two pointers.

Don Merki toped all scorers with 29 points. Willie Kellogg and Chet Pilat finished with 13 and 9 respectively.



Tim O' Brien (No. 4), St. Joe guard, drives past a defending DePauw man for two points. St. Joe won this game by an 86-78 score.

GLEE CLUB PLANS STILL INCOMPLETE

Mum's the word on second semester Glee Club activities, as far as the Club's director, Father Lawrence Heiman, is concerned. Although Father Heiman has hinted of "big plans" for the group, actual announcement of tours and concerts must be withheld until official confirmation is received. Father Heiman states that this should come within a week or so.

Many "possibilities," tentative though they may be, can, however, be divulged. Most probable is a late February concert at St. Joe for a special commemorative event. The annual joint concert with the Glee Club of the College of St. Francis, Joliet, is also virtually settled for late April or May.

In the local area and throughout the state, Pulaski, Winamac, Whiting, and Kokomo are on the "possible" list.

The very new and the favorite old are they keynote in songs for the second half of the year. Work has already begun on two past favorites, "The Hallelujah Chorus" and "Dry Bones," both to be sung by the entire Club. Nevin's "Mighty Lak a Rose" is also on tap, along with the comparatively modern "No Other Love" from **Me and Juliet** and "I Believe."

Because of between-semester withdrawals and changes, Father Heiman has announced that several openings might possibly be available to newcomers to the Club, but stressed that applications must be made to him immediately to receive any consideration.

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corner, and the game was tied up at 62 apiece. O'Brien, sophomore guard from Chicago, came to the foreground a minute later to tally from half court tying the clash up at 66 all.

Pilat then bounced in a lay up, and St. Joe took the lead 68 to 66. Merki added two more after tapping in a rebound, and the Pumas began to roll. Pilat, after dribbling the length of the court, put in a lay up, and St. Joe was on top to stay 72 to 67. Kellogg and O'Brien netted two apiece as the scoreboard showed St. Joe 76, DePauw 69. Terry MacCarthy, six foot three inch Puma center, dumped one in to make it 80 to 72.

DePauw made their final bid as Bob Schrier, the losers leading scorer, swished one from half court, but the effort was not quite enough as St. Joe retained the lead 80 to 76.

Bernie Horn netted two free [illegible] to make the game score 82 to 78 in favor of the Pumas.

Then Horn tallied another charity toss with two seconds left in the game. On Horn's second rebound Don Merki, who led the Puma victory with 27 points, tallied his last two by tapping the ball through the hoop as the buzzer sounded ending the finest Pumas showing of the season.

Collegeville Sage Explains Origin Of Great Torture

Once upon a time there lived a very wicked king with some very very wicked ideas. He was so wicked he would make King Farouk blush for shame. He was worse than death, taxes, and the Valparaiso football team all thrown together. Now this king also had a very wicked hobby. He collected torture devises.

He had the most complete collection of torture devises on earth. Indeed, he was so much an authority that he would publish each year a "Torture Device" collector's catalogue, which set the price torture device collectors the world over would pay for, say, a 1754 Iron Maiden with oblong spikes or a 32-drip-a-minute Chinese water torture, old vintage. He was really a big wheel in the torture business. Collectors from all over the world would come to the realm of this king just to see his collection of garroted heads, reportedly the world's largest and best preserved. He used to joke that he used them when he went bowling nights, but he was just kidding; they kept going into the gutter.

King Was Sad

Despite his position of prominence, however, this poor wicked king was sad. He was getting bored. For 35 years now, no one had invented any new torturing devices. It was the same stuff year in and year out. The torturing business was going into a slump. It was becoming a drag on the market.

So one day this king summoned all the wise men of his kingdom and said, "Invent a new torture devise within the next week, or else—"He did not have to finish the sentence. The wise men knew their fate if they failed. Too often they had heard the wind whistling through the bones of their predecessors who had also failed to satisfy one of the king's whims. It was not a pleasant sensation to hear the wind whistling through your bones; especially when you are somewhere else.

Wise Men Work

So off the wise men sped, locked themselves in their secret laboratory—their special Sunday laboratory with the plush davenports and the UHF television—and proceeded to begin a week-long vigil. They worked unceasingly. They dared not take time out to sleep, so they would close first one eye, then the other, for periods of six hours at a time. This relaxed them no end.

At the expiration of the allotted period, the king sent his messenger to fetch the wise men before him. They shuffled into his presence, a haggard, weary group—sort of like your 8:00 class.

"Have you reached a decision?" he bellowed.

"We have, your honor." Then they told him their plan. At first, the king was mearly interested, then a stealthy smile crept over his thick, ugly lips, then he chuckled—a deep throaty chuckle like when you hit the bottom of your milk shake container. Then he burst into an effusive roar and almost fell out of his throne, he was so pleased with the idea.

Turn About is Fair Play

"Excellent," he murmured. "And for having thought up such an evil plan—one so evil that I never have in my entire life felt more diabolical—I give you the honor of being the first victims.

The wise men cringed. They knew the king meant it; here was their doom. The king ordered them out of the room and immediately made them undergo the new torture device. Within two days all of the wise men were either insane or dead.

What was this horrible torture? Is this a mere fiction story to fill the columns of STUFF and entertain freshmen? No, this is a true story! That's right—TRUE! Spelled T-R-U-E, for the business majors. This actually occurred. And what's more—this torture still exists in obscure places even in our present day! Would you believe it?

This torture, so horribly conceived and bringing such disastrous ruin to its designers, has come down to our present day. We now know it as—the semester examination.

An Exclusive

You didn't know this, did you? You thought examinations were common-place—ways the professor proves the book is smarter than the student, a means for him to exercise his research abilities in scrounging the most minute fact out of the smallest type, and presenting it as a question worth fifty points. Now you know the truth. Remember—you saw it here first!

And do you know the origin of the word itself—this insidious word, "examination." Look at it carefully. No, turn the book rightside up first. Look at it. See the first letter? That's an "e." The next one is an "x." From here on, you're all by yourself. After you have solved this problem, please mail it in on the backside of a $20 dollar bill, and we will give you in return a complete set of.

Everything Made Clear

But back to the subject—the etymology (all right, be an idiot—use your dictionary) of the word, "examination." Obviously, this is from the Latin. In fact, it is one of the chief reason for their dying out suddenly. If they think of things like that, they should die out suddenly. Anyway, the word comes from two roots, "ex," and "amina." Now "ex" means "out of," or it did the last time I looked. You never can tell, though, these Latins are always changing things around. There is no such word as "amina" in the Latin language, but this does not stop us. Obviously, it is a trap. These Latins were clever, so we approach the problem from a different angle. If it isn't "amina," it must be something else. So, we think: what's the nearest Latin word to "amina?" Right—"anima," meaning "soul" or "mind." But what did the Latins have in their animae when they made this up? They evidently wanted to convey a secret meaning. So, "anima" is a jumbled up "soul" or "mind;" in other words, a deranged mind. And so we reach the true derivation:—"out of a deranged mind." It's all very simple, you see . . . Oh, you don't.

A final word of warning: always be prepared. Or as we Latins say, "Semper Paralysis."

Lucille Hertel, Contralto, Well Received at SJC

Miss Lucile Hertel, noted concert singer from Chicago, presented a song recital in the St. Joseph's College auditorium on Jan. 14.

Miss Hertel has gained popularity throughout the midwest through her many appearances on the concert stage. She has presented programs successfully in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, and has given radio performances over stations WCFL, WAIT, and WJFL.

Miss Lucille Hertel

Miss Hertel's ability as an oratorio singer is attested through her many engagements and re-engagements to sing contralto roles in Handel's **Messiah**, Bach's **Passion according to St. John**, and Mendelsohn's **Elijah**.

Miss Hertel is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, International Society for Contemporary Music, and the Society of American Musicians. Her biography appears in Who is Who in Music.

Miss Hertel was accompanied by Mr. Harold Eisberg. Mr. Eisberg, pianist, has had his training with Rudolph Ganz and Mollie Margolies of Chicago Musical College. He is known for his ability as a piano soloist as well as being in demand for his accompanying. He has been on tour with such well-known artists as Jennie Tourel, Roberta Peters, Nancy Carr, Martial Singher, and William Warfield.

SJC Grad of '14 Featured in "Life" and "Look"

A St. Joseph's graduate of 1914, Dr. Con J. Fecher, was featured in a New York Life Insurance advertisement in the Dec. 14 issues of "Life" and "Look" magazines.

Both advertisements carried the story of how Dr. Fecher helped the Guess family of Dayton obtain security through a complete life insurance program.

Dr. Fecher entered the insurance field in 1928, shortly after winning his Ph.D. degree at the Catholic University of America and receiving his degree of Charter Life Underwriter from the College of Charter Life Underwrites. He was one of the first in the United States to receive the latter degree.

In 1952 he was named president of the agency advisory council of his company. Dr. Fecher has taught a course in insurance at the University of Dayton for 20 years.

Dr. Fecher is married to the former Miss Marie Nordenbrock of Burkettsville, Ohio. They have five children.

All three of Dr. and Mrs. Fecher's sons have attended school at St. Joseph's. Dr. Mark Fecher, ex-'42, is now a partner in a surgical clinic at Knoxville, Tenn.; Con, Jr., who was graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in 1946, is now a dental senior at Marquette University; Roger, the youngest, is a freshman seminarian in the Society of the Precious Blood at St. Joseph's.

One of the Fecher daughters, Mary Margaret, is now Sister Julie of the Ursuline Order; and the other, Julie, is a teacher in Julienne High School, Dayton.

One of the pictures (as above) in the "Life" and "Look" advertisement shows Con Fecher helping a second generation of clients, 17-year-old Mark Guess, Dayton, work out a life insurance program of his own. Dr. Fecher's insurance counseling of the Guess family, extending over the past 17 years, provides the theme for the two-page New York Life Insurance advertisenmet.

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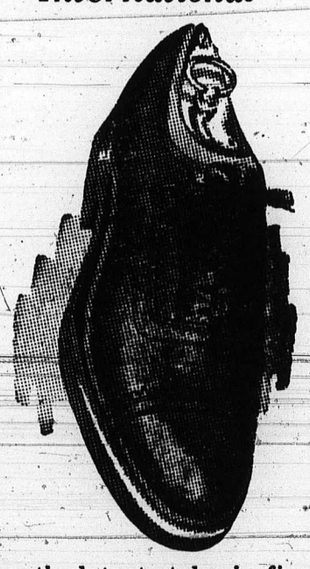

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